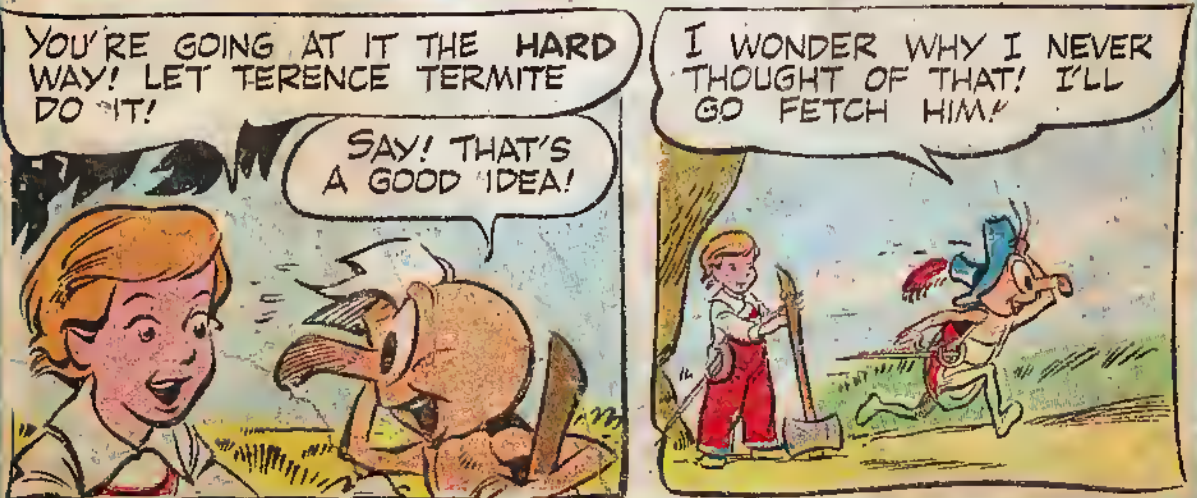
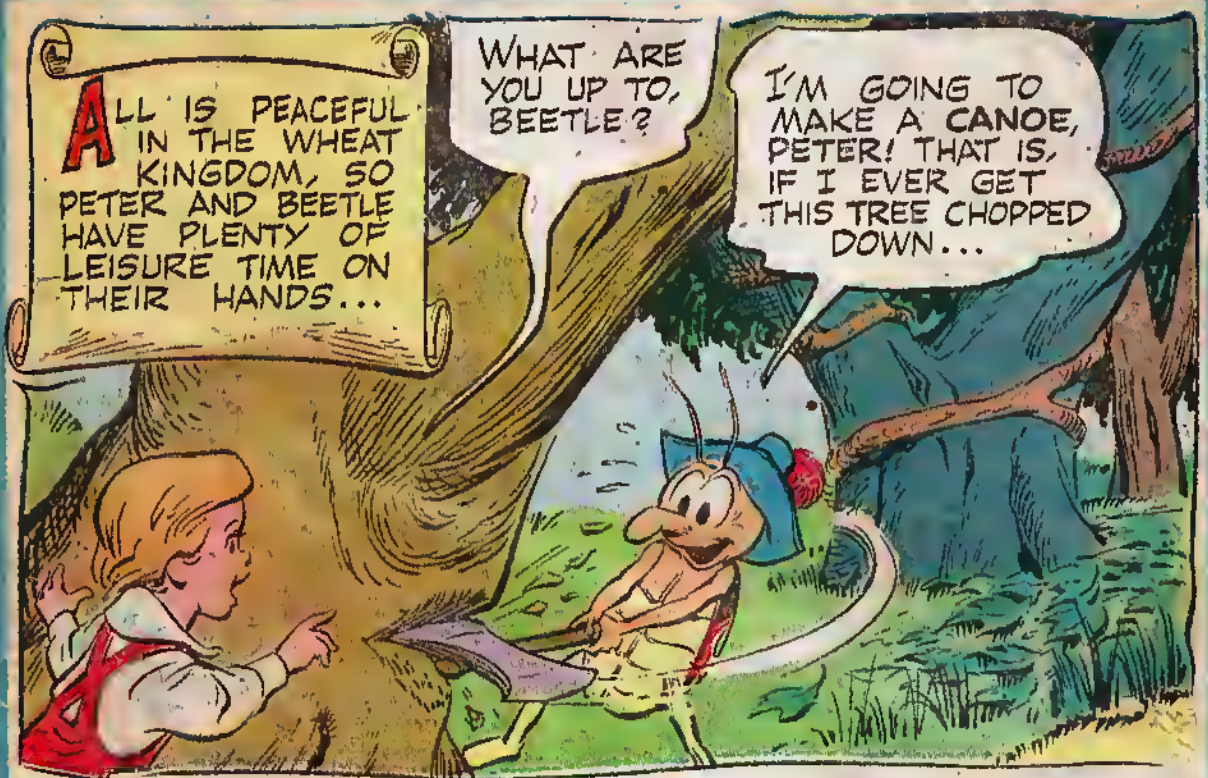




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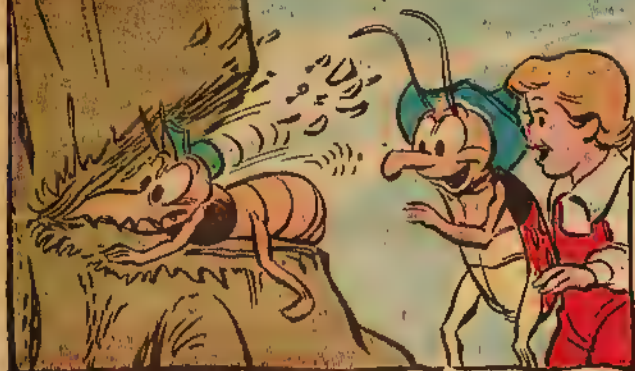


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**S**HORTLY

WOW! HE CUTS  
THROUGH THAT HARD  
WOOD EASY AS PIE!

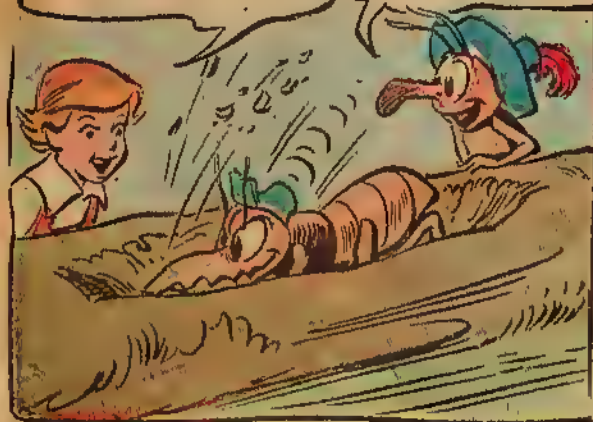


**TIMBER-R-R!**



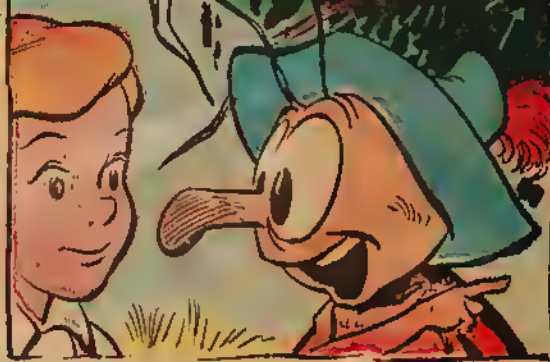
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT A CANOE  
FOR, BEETLE?

FOR  
CANOEING,  
OF COURSE!



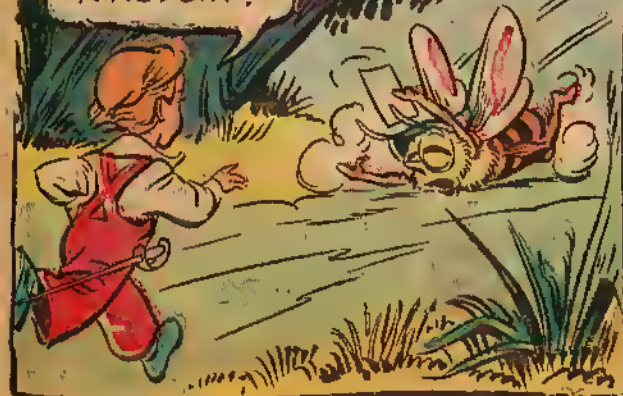
I HATE  
TO SEE THAT  
LAKE GO TO  
WASTE!

PETER!  
(GASP!)  
PETER...



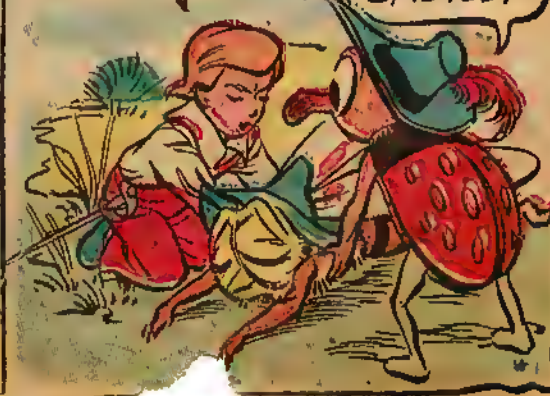
WHAT'S THIS?  
A MESSENGER  
FROM THE BEE  
KINGDOM?

FOR YOU...  
(GASP)...

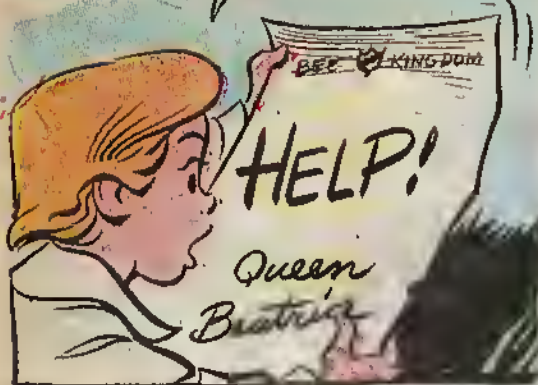


HE COLLAPSED,  
BEETLE! HE'S  
DONE IN!

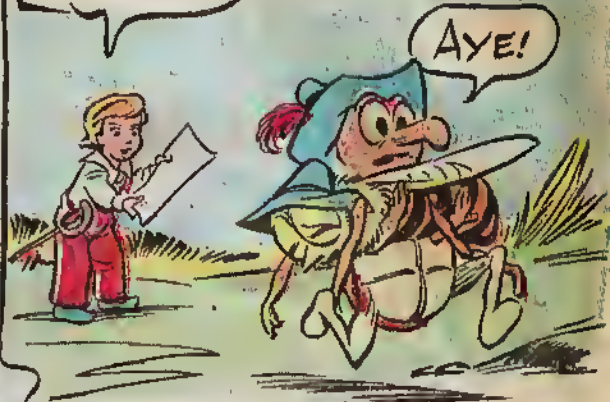
I'LL TAKE  
HIM TO  
THE TREE  
CASTLE!



UH-OH! SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE, BEETLE!

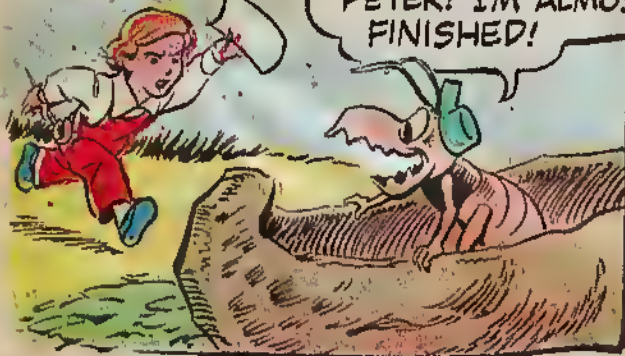


HURRY BACK! WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE FOR THE BEE KINGDOM AT ONCE!



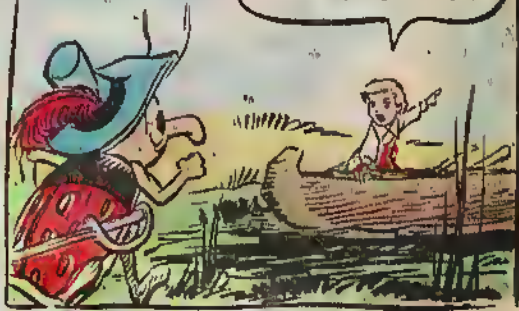
QUICK, TERENCE... FINISH THE CANOE! BEETLE AND I WILL NEED IT TO CROSS THE LAKE!

Aye, PETER! I'M ALMOST FINISHED!



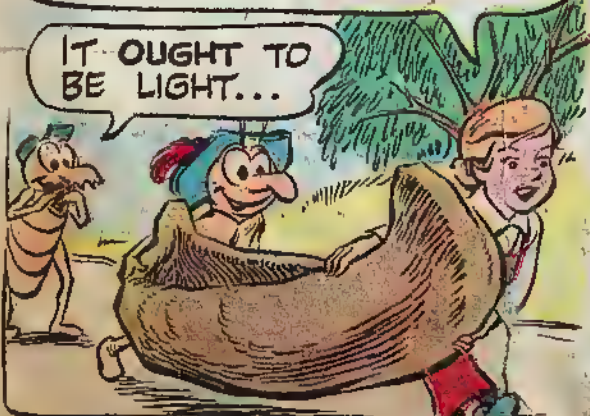
THE BEE MESSENGER WILL BE ALL RIGHT AFTER A LITTLE REST, PETER!

LET'S GO! THE CANOE IS FINISHED!



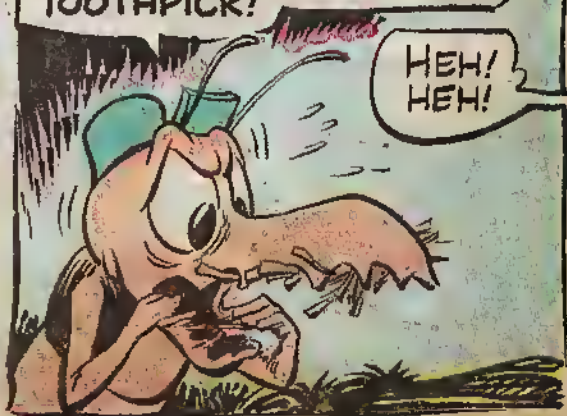
THANKS, TERENCE, YOU DID A GOOD JOB! THIS CANOE IS LIGHT AS A FEATHER NOW!

IT OUGHT TO BE LIGHT...



IT FEELS LIKE I'VE GOT ALL THE WOOD STUCK IN MY TEETH! WHAT I NEED NOW IS A TOOTHPICK!

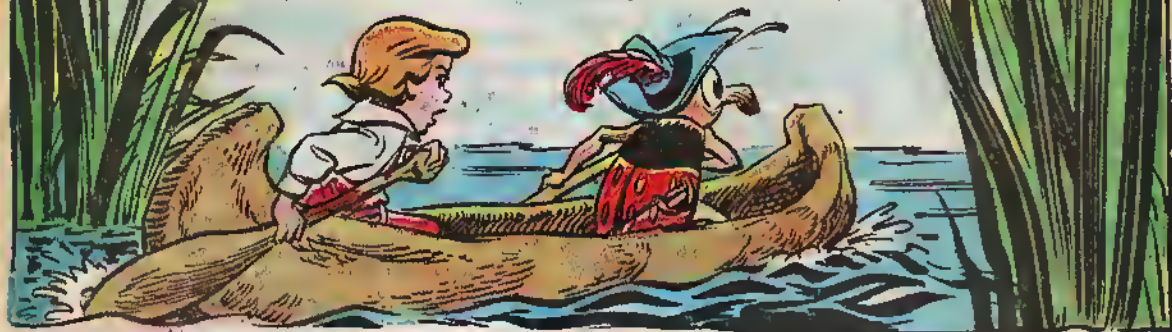
HEH! HEH!





ROW FAST, BEETLE! THAT MESSAGE FROM QUEEN BEATRICE CERTAINLY HAD A FEELING OF URGENCY!

I WONDER WHAT THE TROUBLE COULD BE?

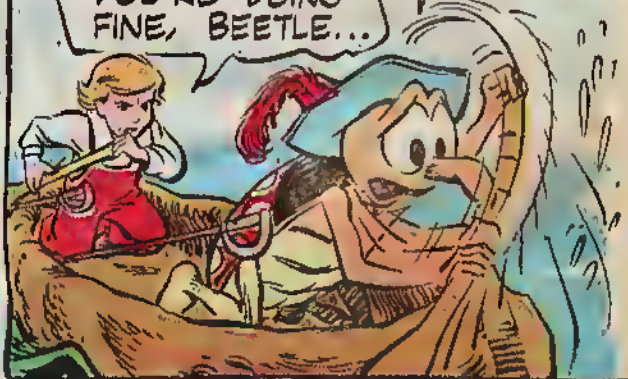


I'M AFRAID WE'LL NEVER FIND OUT AT THIS RATE! WE'RE NOT MAKING ENOUGH SPEED!



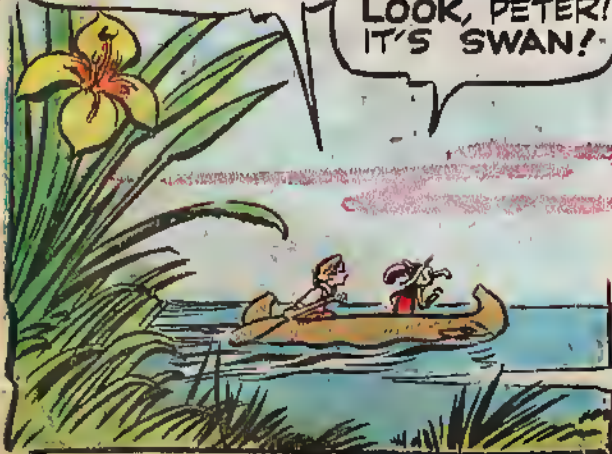
BUT I CAN'T PADDLE ANY FASTER, PETER! I'M GOING LIKE A WINDMILL NOW!

YOU'RE DOING FINE, BEETLE...



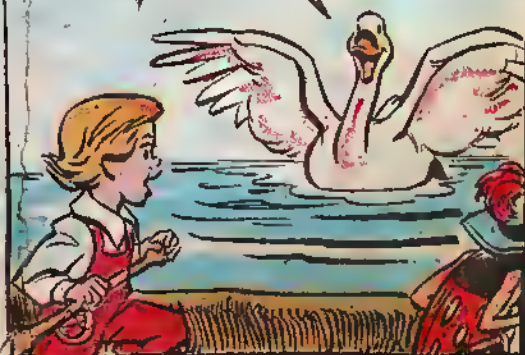
BUT WE STILL NEED MORE SPEED!

LOOK, PETER! IT'S SWAN!



WE'RE IN LUCK!

WHAT'S THE RUSH, PETER?

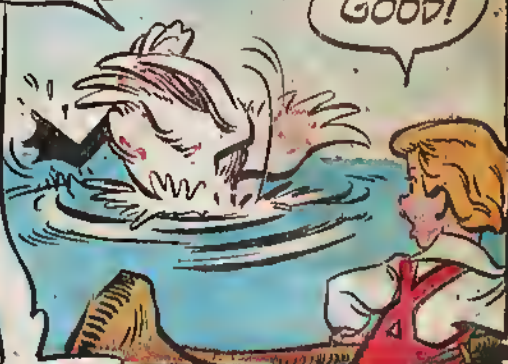
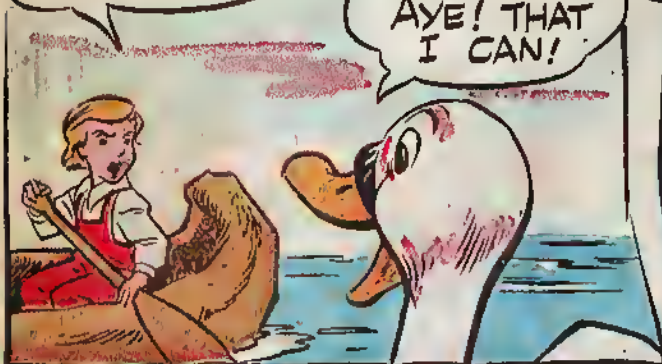


WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO THE BEE KINGDOM... THEY'RE IN DISTRESS! CAN YOU PULL US, SWAN?

JUST A SECOND! I'LL DIVE DOWN FOR SOME UNDERWATER VINES TO USE AS A TOW ROPE!

AYE! THAT I CAN!

GOOD!



THIS IS MORE LIKE IT, EH, BEETLE?

I'LL SAY...

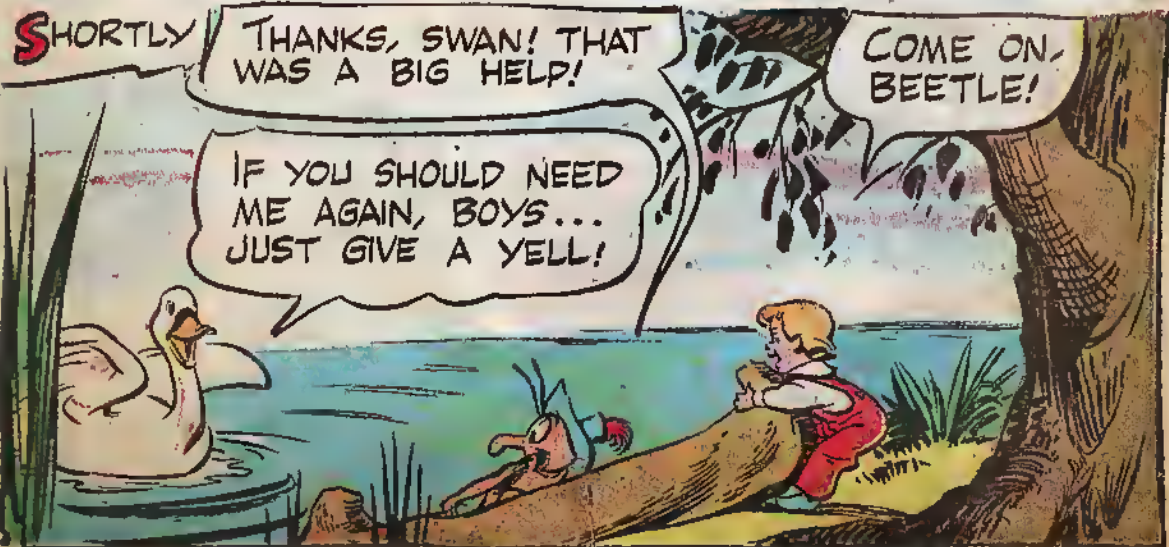
AT THIS RATE WE'LL BE ACROSS THE LAKE BEFORE WE KNOW IT!



**S**HORTLY! THANKS, SWAN! THAT WAS A BIG HELP!

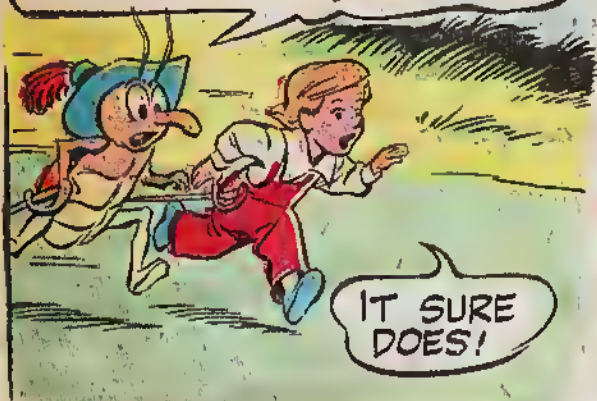
IF YOU SHOULD NEED ME AGAIN, BOYS... JUST GIVE A YELL!

COME ON, BEETLE!



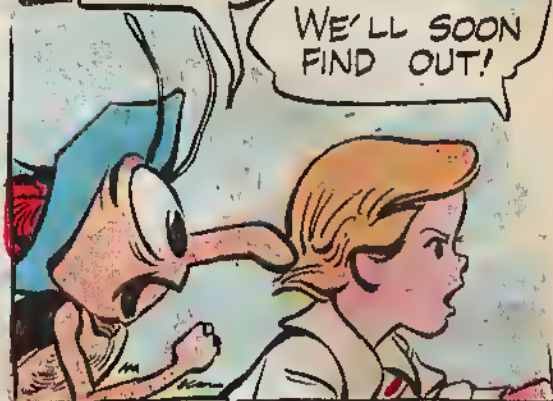


THERE'S THE BEE KINGDOM,  
BUT... EVERYTHING SEEMS  
TO BE PEACEFUL ENOUGH!



IT SURE  
DOES!

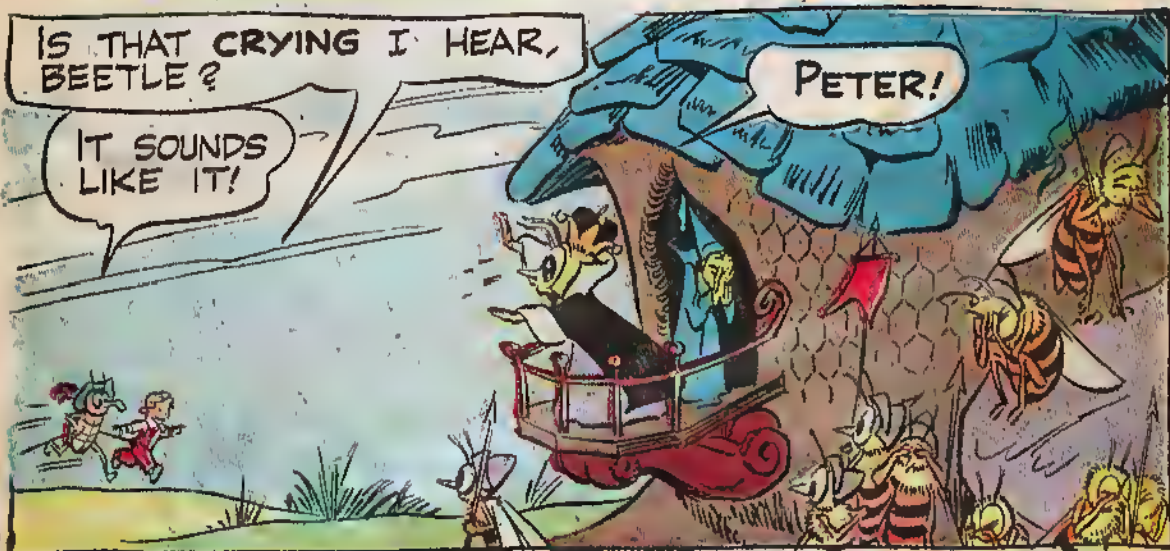
SAY, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE  
THIS WAS ALL A FALSE  
ALARM, DO YOU?



WE'LL SOON  
FIND OUT!

IS THAT CRYING I HEAR,  
BEETLE?

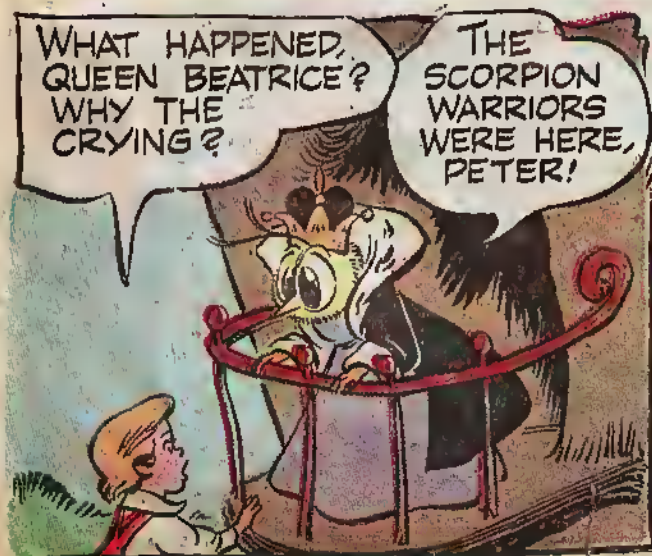
IT SOUNDS  
LIKE IT!



PETER!

WHAT HAPPENED,  
QUEEN BEATRICE?  
WHY THE  
CRYING?

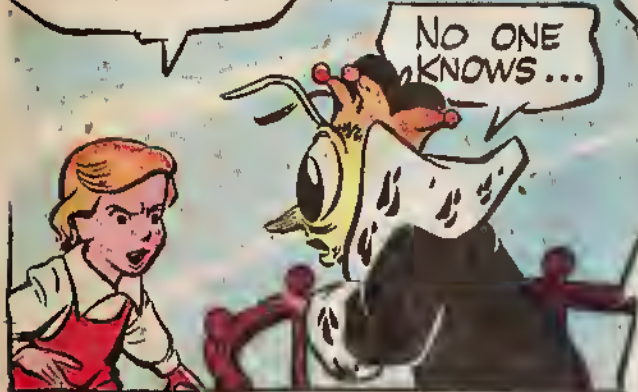
THE  
SCORPION  
WARRIORS  
WERE HERE,  
PETER!



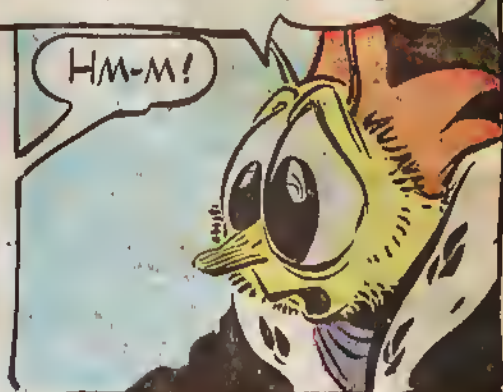
THEY CARRIED OFF ALL  
OUR BARRELS OF HONEY!  
OUR GUARDS WERE NO  
MATCH FOR THEM!



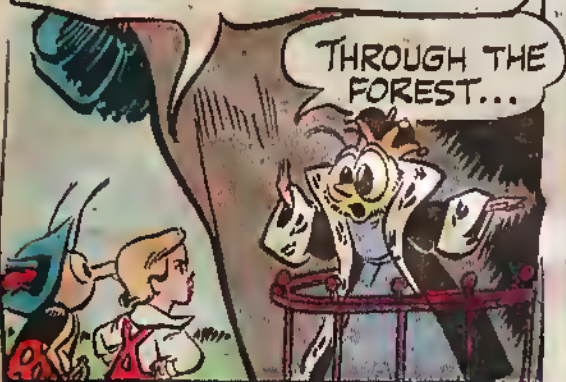
SCORPION WARRIORS!  
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THEM  
BEFORE! WHERE IS THEIR  
KINGDOM?



THEY JUST SEEM TO VANISH  
FROM SIGHT! OUR SCOUTS  
TRIED TO FOLLOW THEM...  
BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS!



BEETLE AND I WILL DO  
WHAT WE CAN, QUEEN  
BEATRICE! WHICH DIRECTION  
DID THE SCORPIONS GO?



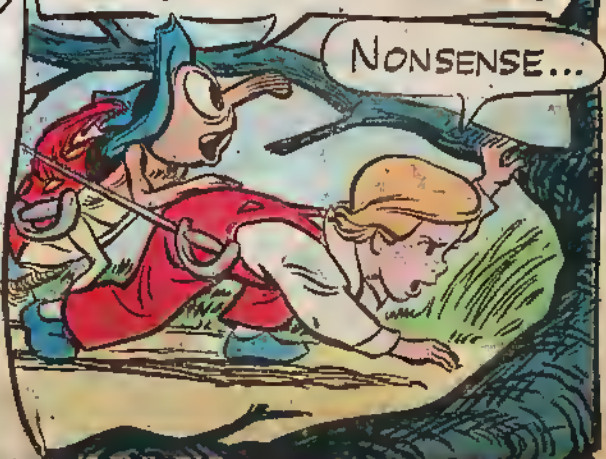
BUT DO BE CAREFUL! THOSE  
SCORPION WARRIORS ARE  
VICIOUS! AND WATCH OUT FOR  
THEIR RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS!



KEEP A CLOSE LOOK OUT,  
BEETLE! PERHAPS WE CAN  
PICK UP THEIR TRACKS!



I'D JUST AS SOON PICK UP  
AND GET OUT OF HERE!

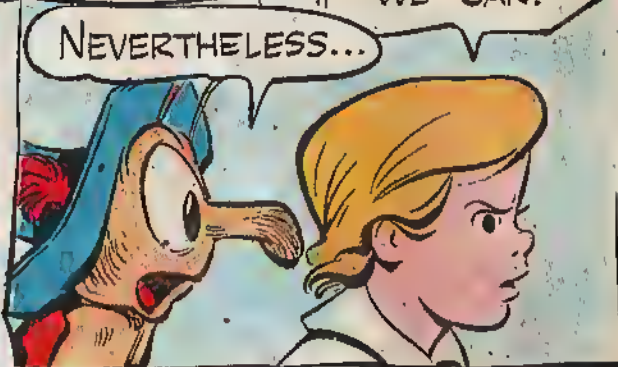




WE CAN'T LET THOSE SCORPIONS GET AWAY WITH AN ILL DEED, OR THEY MAY MAKE A HABIT OF IT!



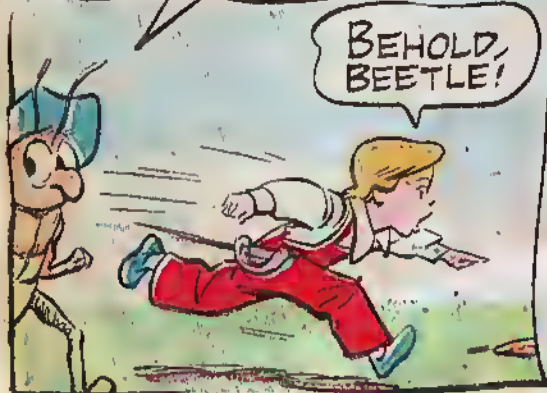
BESIDES, THE BEE FOLK WORKED HARD ALL YEAR TO STORE UP THAT HONEY SUPPLY! WE'VE GOT TO RETURN IT TO THEM, IF WE CAN!



NEVERTHELESS...

I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF TANGLING WITH THOSE RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS!

BEHOLD, BEETLE!



DROPS OF HONEY! ONE OF THE BARRELS MUST BE LEAKING!



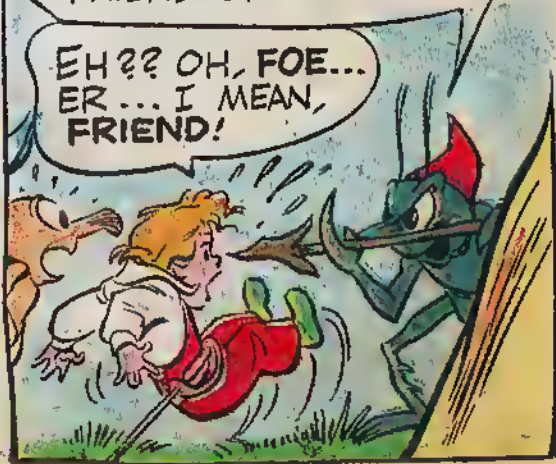
THIS SHOULD LEAD US STRAIGHT TO THEIR KINGDOM!

I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT!



HALT! WHO GOES THERE... FRIEND OR FOE?

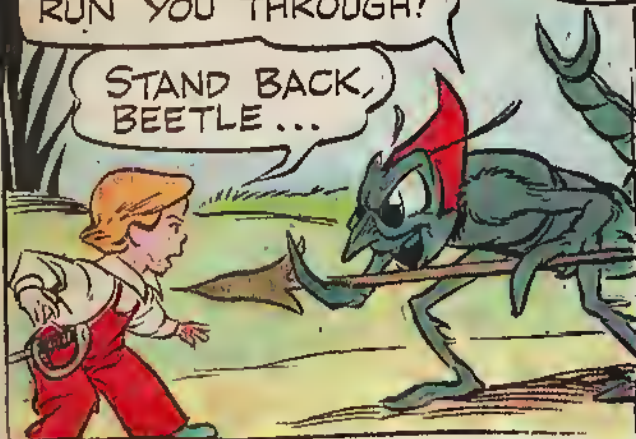
EH?? OH, FOE... ER... I MEAN, FRIEND!





GIVE THE SCORPION  
PASSWORD OR I'LL  
RUN YOU THROUGH!

STAND BACK,  
BEETLE ...

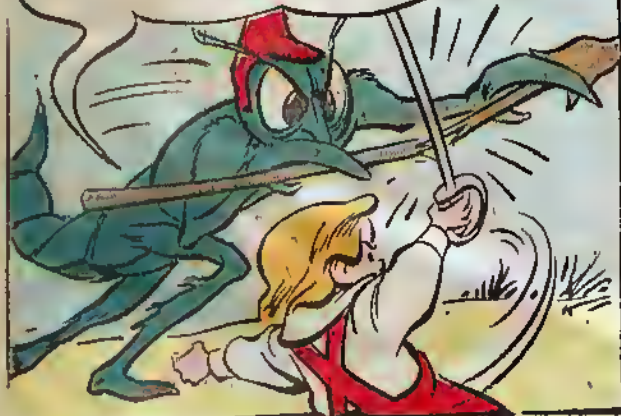


I'LL TEST THE STRENGTH  
OF THIS WARRIOR!

SO!  
YOU ARE  
A FOE!

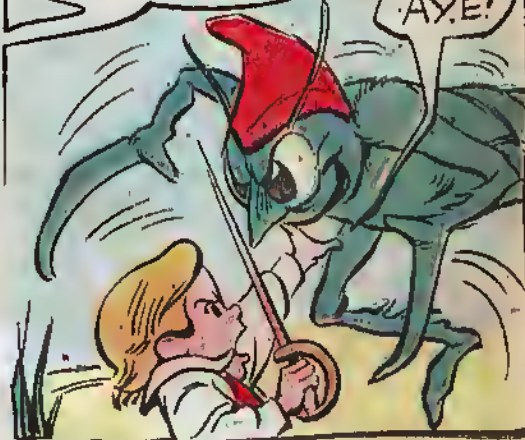


WE'LL SOON KNOW IF IT'S  
WISE TO PROCEED ON TO  
THEIR KINGDOM!

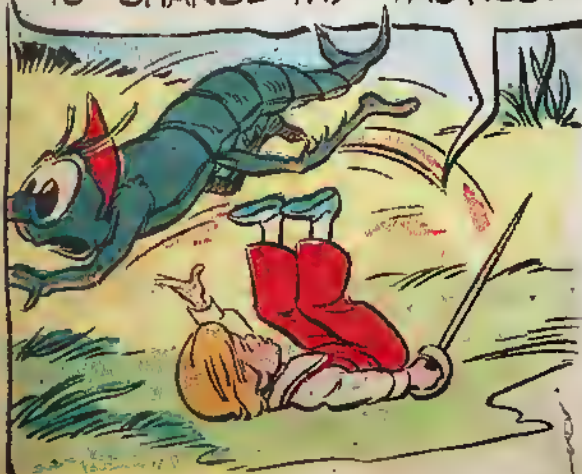


WATCH OUT FOR HIS  
CLAWS, PETER!

AYE!



I SEE I'M GOING TO HAVE  
TO CHANGE MY TACTICS!



HIS CLAWS CAN'T REACH  
ME IF I SWING HIM BY  
HIS TAIL!

THAT'S THE  
STUFF!





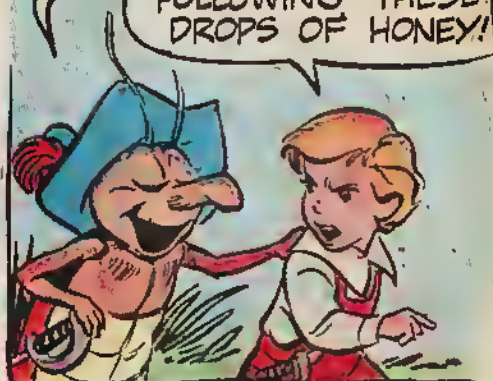


THAT SHOULD KEEP HIM  
QUIET FOR A WHILE!

NICE GOING  
PETER!

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE  
BETTER MYSELF!

LET'S KEEP  
FOLLOWING THESE  
DROPS OF HONEY!

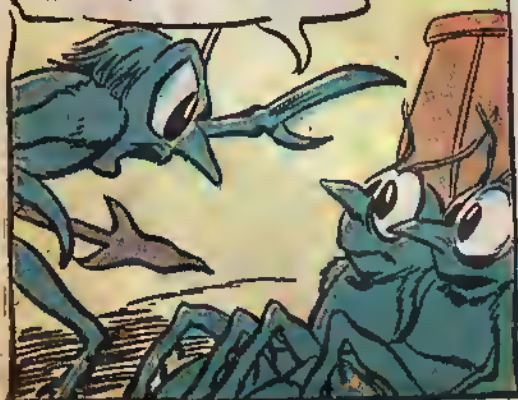


UH-OH! THERE THEY ARE, BEETLE! THEIR  
KINGDOM MUST BE INSIDE THAT HILL!

THAT'S ONE KINGDOM  
I'M NOT THE LEAST BIT  
CURIOUS TO SEE!

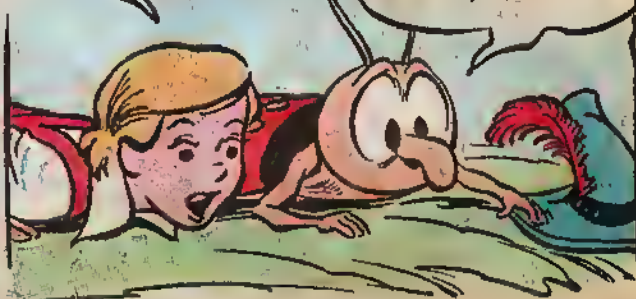


ALL RIGHT, MEN! THIS  
IS NO TIME TO REST!  
GET THOSE BARRELS  
IN THE CAVE!



WE CAN'T LET THEM GET THOSE  
BARRELS IN THE CAVE, BEETLE!  
ONCE INSIDE, WE'D  
NEVER GET THEM  
OUT!

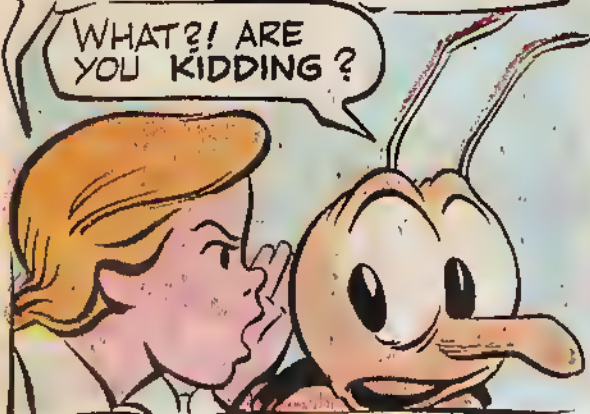
IT'S TOO  
LATE TO  
STOP THEM  
NOW, PETER!





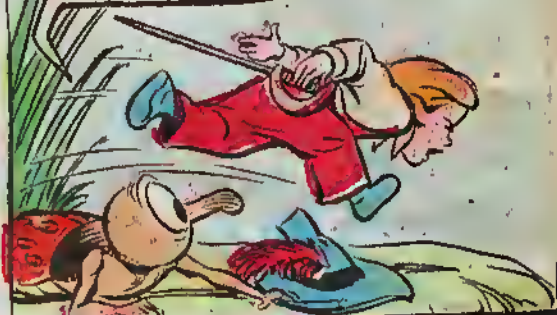
NO, IT ISN'T! HERE'S  
WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...  
PSST... MUMBLE ...PSST...

WHAT?! ARE  
YOU KIDDING?



I'M DEPENDING ON YOU,  
BEETLE! DON'T LET ME  
DOWN!

(GULP!) I'LL DO  
MY BEST!



YI-I-I! TAKE HONEY  
FROM DEFENSELESS  
BEES, WILL YOU?

WHAT...?



AFTER HIM, MEN! HE'S  
ENTERED OUR  
KINGDOM!

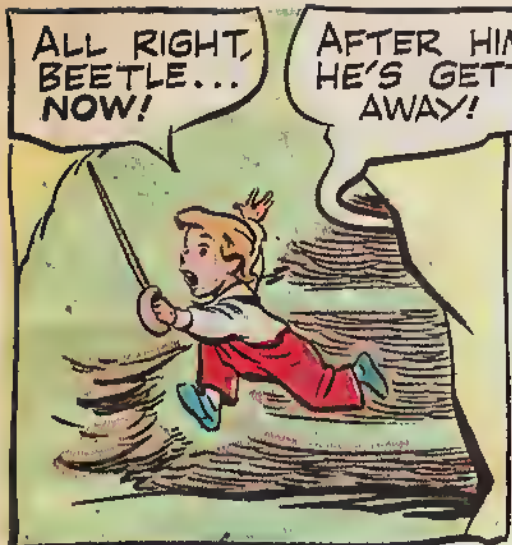


YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE, WHOEVER YOU  
ARE! THERE'S ONLY ONE EXIT...  
THE ONE YOU CAME IN!

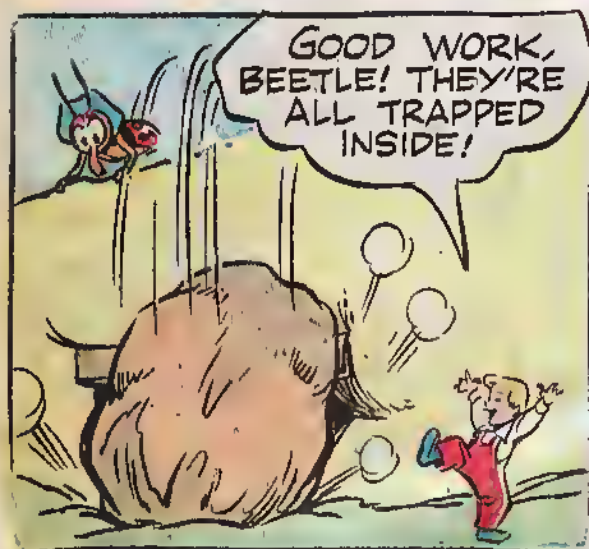
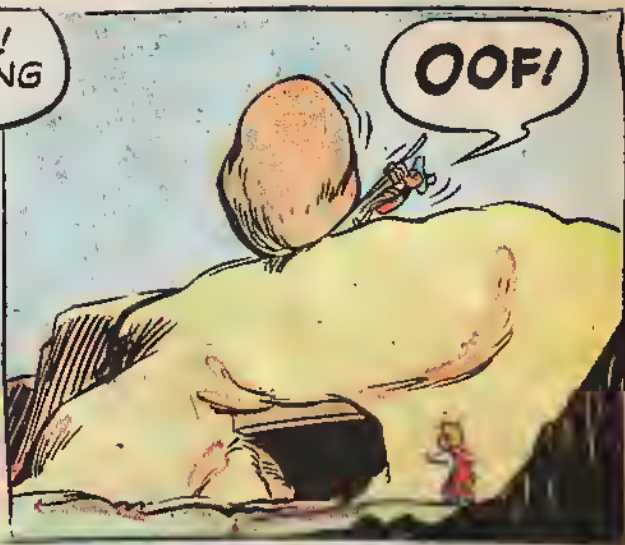
GLAD TO  
HEAR IT!





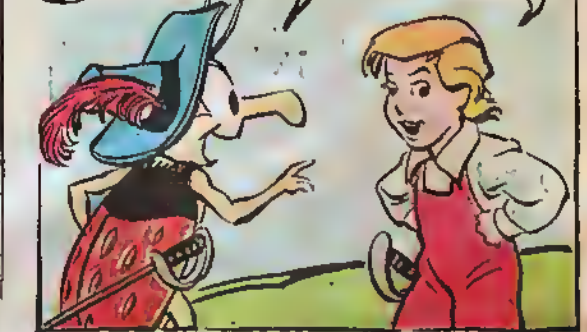


AFTER HIM!  
HE'S GETTING AWAY!



WHEW! YOU SURE TOOK A CHANCE, RUNNING IN THEIR KINGDOM LIKE THAT!

I HAD TO DRAW THEM ALL INSIDE!

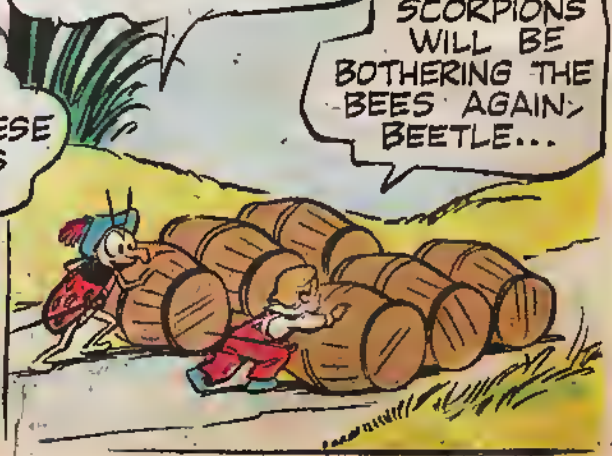


THERE WERE TOO MANY OF THEM FOR US TO OUTFIGHT, SO I HAD TO OUTSMART THEM!



I'M ANXIOUS TO GET OUT OF HERE!

I DON'T THINK THE SCORPIONS WILL BE BOTHERING THE BEES AGAIN, BEETLE...



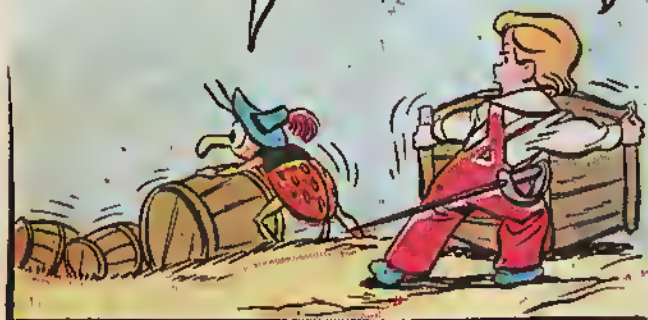


MAYBE  
THEY'VE LEARNED  
THAT ILL DEEDS  
DON'T PAY OFF!

THEY'LL  
HAVE PLENTY  
OF TIME TO  
THINK ABOUT  
IT...

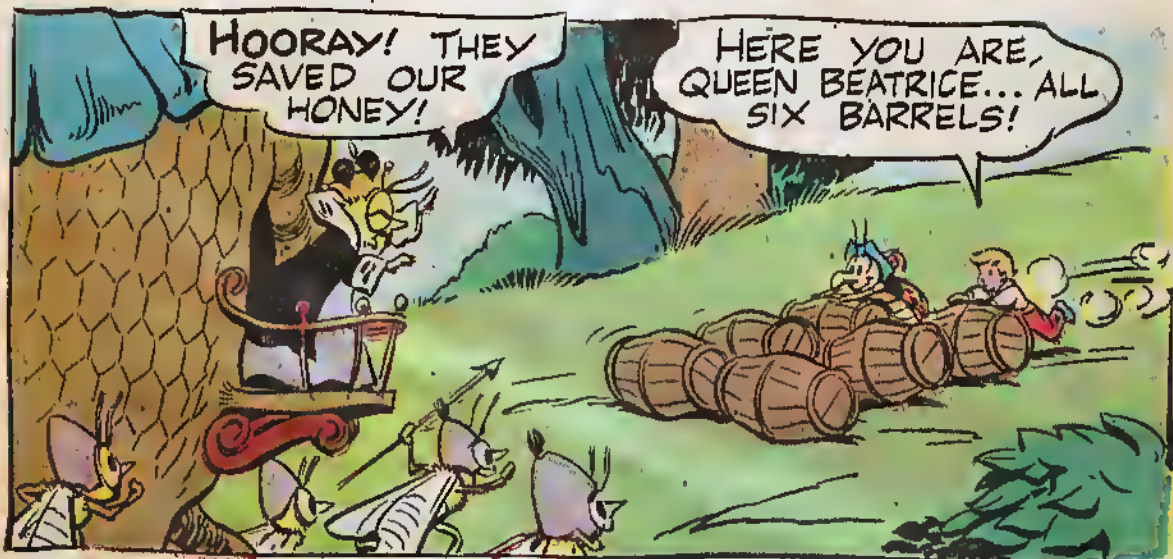
FOR IT'LL BE A LONG  
WHILE BEFORE THEY  
DIG THEMSELVES OUT  
OF THAT HILL!

Aye!



HOORAY! THEY  
SAVED OUR  
HONEY!

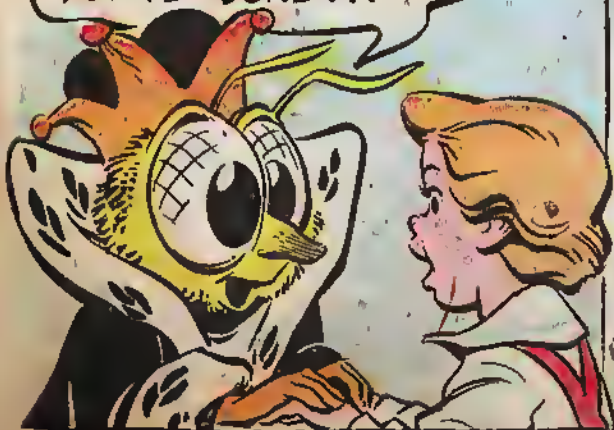
HERE YOU ARE,  
QUEEN BEATRICE... ALL  
SIX BARRELS!



I CAN NEVER THANK YOU  
ENOUGH FOR WHAT  
YOU'VE DONE...

BUT I CAN GIVE YOU A  
BARREL OF HONEY TO  
TAKE BACK TO THE  
WHEAT KINGDOM!

THANKS,  
QUEEN  
BEATRICE...





THE WHEAT FOLK WILL ENJOY  
THIS ALL WINTER!

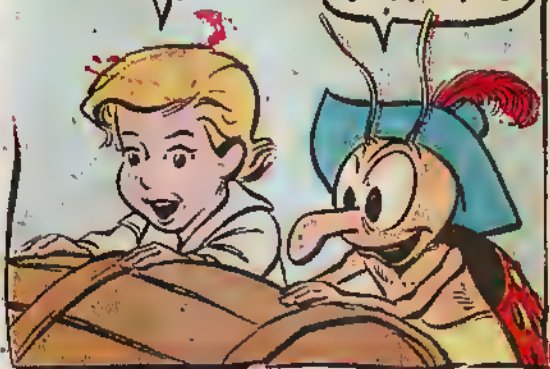
THANKS  
AGAIN!

'BYE!



SAMMY SWEET CAN USE  
SOME OF THIS TO MAKE  
HONEY COOKIES!

YUM-M!



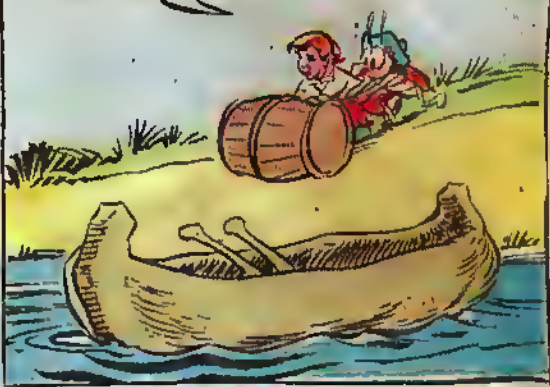
LET'S GET SWAN TO PULL  
US BACK! I'M ANXIOUS TO  
START EMPTYING THAT  
BARREL!

Aye!



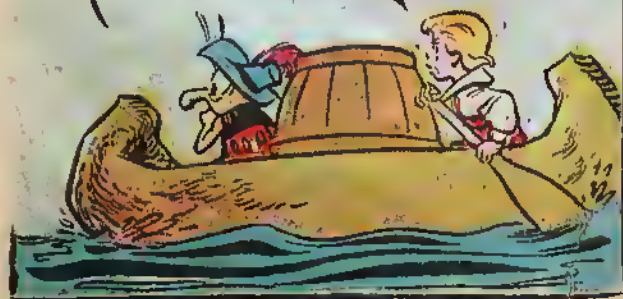
UH-OH! LOOKS  
LIKE SWAN HAS  
DISAPPEARED!

FINE  
THING!



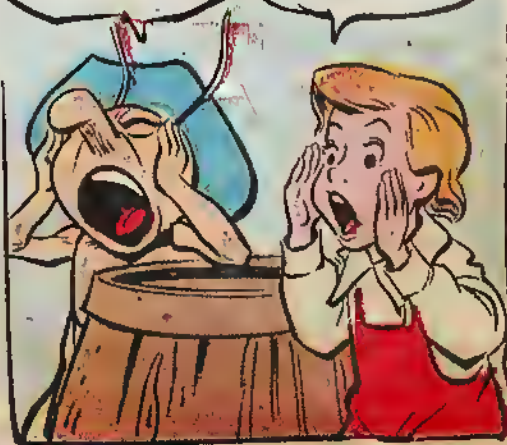
I GUESS THE ONLY THING LEFT  
TO DO IS PADDLE BACK!

WAIT! HE SAID TO  
YELL IF WE  
NEEDED HIM!



SWAN!

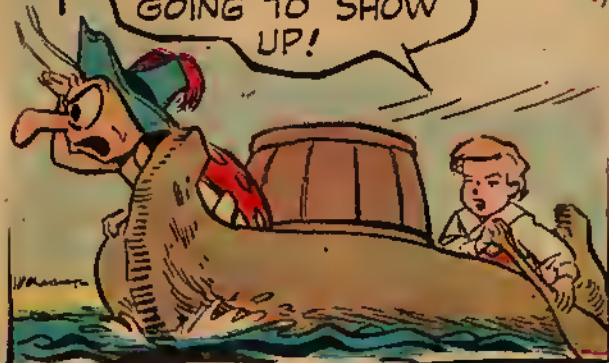
SWAN!



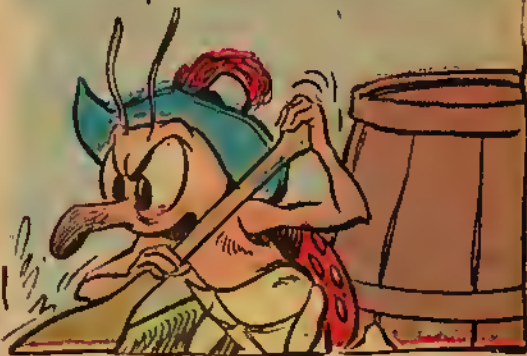


NOT A SIGN OF HIM!

START PADDLING,  
BEETLE! HE ISN'T  
GOING TO SHOW  
UP!

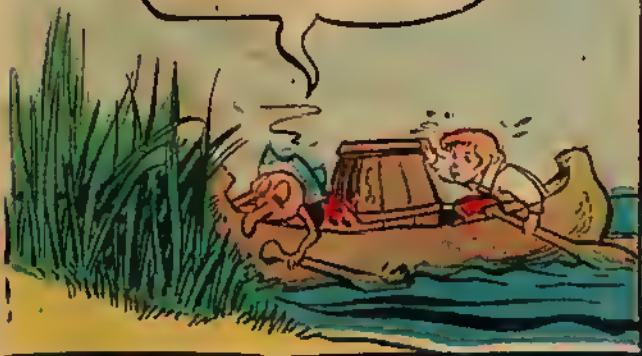


YOU JUST CAN'T BELIEVE A  
THING THOSE SWANS SAY!



MUCH  
LATER

WHEW! MY ARMS  
ARE ABOUT TO FALL  
OFF, PETER! THANK  
GOODNESS WE'RE  
FINALLY HERE!



I NEVER REALIZED  
PADDLING WAS SO  
MUCH WORK!

WHY THE  
COMPLAINING,  
BEETLE?



YOU SAID THIS MORNING  
YOU WANTED TO GO  
CANOEING ON THE LAKE!  
YOU GOT YOUR WISH!

THAT  
WAS  
THIS  
MORNING!

FROM NOW ON, I'M  
STRICTLY A  
LANDLUBBER!



END.



# "Peter"



**YOUR DAILY BREAD**  
*is my bread and butter*



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